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Joining words

Join two ideas to make one longer sentence.

1 Learn



A **joining word** is like a bridge. It joins two ideas into one sentence. Its grown-up name is a **conjunction**.



and	but	or	because
adds more	shows a change	gives a choice	gives a reason

Join them: Leo wanted to swim. The sea was too cold.

1. How do the ideas fit? He wanted to, **but** he couldn't: a change.
2. Take out the first full stop. Use a small letter for "the".
3. **Leo wanted to swim but the sea was too cold.**

Flip's tip: a joined sentence has only **one** full stop, at the very end.

Warm up: draw a ring round the joining word.

1. I like apples and I like pears.
2. Do you want milk or juice?

Grown-ups: when, if and that are joining words too. "I smile when I'm happy." "You can play if you're quick."

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2 Try it together a child and a grown-up, about 10 minutes



Finish my idea

You need: a pencil, and a toy or a teddy to talk about.

1. The grown-up starts a sentence about the toy and stops at the joining word: "Teddy is happy **because…**"
2. The child finishes it: "…because it is his birthday."
3. Try all four: **and**, **but**, **or**, **because**. Then swap, so the child starts.
4. Write your best joined sentence for each word.

Word	Our joined sentence
and	
but	
or	
because	

Grown-ups: some starters: "Teddy wanted cake but…", "Teddy can have a nap or…", "Teddy went outside and…".

3 Practise

A. Draw a ring round the best joining word.

1. I put on my coat **(because / or)** it was raining.
2. Would you like a banana **(or / but)** a pear?
3. Sam ran fast **(and / but)** he did not win.
4. Mia has a cat **(and / or)** a dog.

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B. Match the two halves. Draw a line.

Leo wanted to play ●	● and we fed the ducks.
We went to the park ●	● because she lost her kite.
Ava felt sad ●	● but he had to go to bed.

C. Join the two sentences with the word given. Write the new sentence.

1. Mia went to bed. She was tired. **because**

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2. The sun came out. We went to the beach. **and**

_____

D. Finish each sentence.

I smile when _____

I will help you if _____

Challenge

Ava wrote: **I ate my lunch. because I was hungry.**
Is this right? How would you fix it?

_____

I can...

Tick when you can.

- ☐ join two ideas with and, but or or
- ☐ give a reason with because
- ☐ use just one full stop at the end